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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: EGYPT ON EC POLITICAL STATEMENT

SUMMARY: GOE AGAIN PUBLICLY INSISTING EC PUBLISH POLITICAL
STATEMENT ON ME. AS BEFORE, INTENTION IS TO USE WHATEVER
POLITICAL DEVICES AT HAND TO KEEP USG ACTIVELY WORKING
FOR PEACE SETTLEMENT AND PRESS FOR MORE FORTHCOMING US
POSITION ON PLO. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESTIGIOUS CAIRO DAILY AHAM JUNE 21 HAS FRONT
PAGE REPORT BY ITS DIPLOMATIC EDITOR WHO "LEARNED"
(I.E., FROM MFA), THAT EGYPT HAS OFFICIALLY ASKED EC
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STATES TO ISSUE NEW STATEMENT DEFINING THEIR ATTITUDE
TOWARDS ME PROBLEM, MEPC, PALESTINE QUESTION, AND PEACE
SETTLEMENT PROCESS "IN LIGHT OF STAND TO WHICH EC COMMITTED
ITSELF IN ITS NOVEMBER 1973 STATEMENT."

2. ACCORDING AHAM, GOE HAS INSTRUCTED ITS AMBASSADORS
TO EC COUNTRIES TO MAKE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS.

GOE DECISION REPORTEDLY RESULTS FROM RECENT EGYPTIAN CONSULTATIONS WITH USSR AND US AND PRESIDENT SADAT'S CONSULTATIONS WITH FRG CHANCELLOR AND FRENCH PRESIDENT LAST SPRING, AS WELL AS HIS DISCUSSIONS IN CAIRO WITH FONMINS OF ITALY, FRANCE, UK AND FRG.

3. AHAM EDITOR RECALLS EC DID NOT RELEASE ITS DECEMBER 1976 STATEMENT ON ME "PENDING OUTCOME OF USG CONTACTS WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED," BUT IN LONDON ON JUNE 29 AND BRUSSELS ON JULY 12 QUESTION OF ISSUING STATEMENT ON ME WILL BE CONSIDERED AGAIN BY EC. ARTICLE SINGLES OUT ITALY AS "WELCOMING CONSOLIDATION ALL EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE." EGYPT HAS ALSO SUGGESTED TO UK, FRANCE AND FRG "IN PARTICULAR" THAT THEY ASSUME SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR GUARANTEEING A PEACE.

4. WE NOTE NASSER CONFIDANT MUHAMMAD HASANAYN HAYKAL, WHOSE OPINION MUCH SOLICITED BY EGYPTIAN ESTABLISHMENT EVEN THOUGH HE REMAINS ON THE OUTS WITH SADAT, HAS EDITORIAL IN LEBANESE DAILY JUNE 20 WARNING AGAINST THE ALLEGEDLY CHANGING FRENCH ATTITUDE ("FRANCE HAS BEGUN BUILDING BRIDGES WITH ISRAEL") WHICH COULD LEAD TO TOTAL EC SLIDE TOWARDS ISRAEL. HAYKAL REPROACHES ARABS FOR BEING TOO LATE IN DRAWING EC INTO PEACE SETTLEMENT PROCESS AND CONCLUDES THAT EC TODAY IS MUCH LESS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PURSUING DIALOGUE WITH ARABS.
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5. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT IT WAS FONMIN FAHMY, FRUSTRATED WITH WHAT HE SAW AS EC PUSILLANIMITY VIS-A-VIS USG, WHO ORDERED AHAM PUBLISH 1976 EC STATEMENT. BOTH SADAT AND FAHMY SEE UTILITY OF EC PUBLIC ACTION ON ME IN SIMPLE TERMS, I.E., WESTERN EUROPEANS MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN GUARANTEEING OF FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT, AND, MORE IMMEDIATELY, FORTHCOMING STATEMENTS BY EC AS ORGANIZATION AND/OR BY MAJOR EC MEMBER STATES INDIVIDUALLY CAN BE USED TO KEEP USG ACTIVELY ON PEACE SETTLEMENT TRAIL AND PROD USG INTO MORE ACCEPTABLE (TO ARABS) POSITION ON PLO. WE EXPECT FAHMY TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH CONTINUOUS STREAM OF INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS AMBASSADORS ON ISSUE OF NEW, PUBLIC EC DECLARATION. SINCE WE NOW UNDERSTAND SADAT MAY VISIT PARIS AFTER LIBREVILLE SUMMIT, HE MAY RAISE ISSUE DIRECTLY WITH GISCARD.
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